


Patent and Trademark office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE


Please type a plus sign (+) inside this Box → 

1449A/PTO Rev. 10/95		U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office		Complete if Known	
<b>LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT</b> (use as many sheets as necessary)				Application Number	
				Filing Date	
				First Named Inventor	
				Group Art Unit	3752
				Examiner Name	GAHEY
Sheet 1	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	MP-13158

J-932 U.S. PTO  
 10/04/02  
 01/08/02

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Documents		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code (if known)			
SB		5,370,321		Bianco	12/06/1994	
SB		5,645,228		Zwart	07/08/1997	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	3/19/04
--------------------	---	-----------------	---------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.1<sup>6</sup> if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

1449A/PTO  
Rev. 10/95

U.S. Department of Commerce  
Patent and Trademark Office

**Complete if Known**


RECEIVED

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1

Application Number	10/040,825	
Filing Date	January 8, 2002	MAR 12 2002
First Named Inventor	James A. Kost	
Group Art Unit	3752	TECHNOLOGY CENTER
Examiner Name	GANESE	
Attorney Docket Number	MP-13158	

[illegible][illegible]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	3/19/04
-----------------------	---	--------------------	---------

**EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>S attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.1<sup>6</sup> if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231**